

Trustees' Annual Report for the period							
From		Period start date			Period end date		
		Day 01	Month 02	Year 2023	To	Day 31	Month 01

Section A

Reference and administration details

Charity name	Grace Community Church
Other names charity is known by	GCC Leeds North
Registered charity number (if any)	1140281
Charity's principal address	3 Grove Farm Crescent
	Leeds
Postcode	LS6 6BZ

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Jonathan Parkinson	Elder and Pastor		
2	Timothy Parkinson	Deacon		
3	Tim Snuggs	Deacon		
4	John Woodruff	Deacon		
5	Steve Hodson	Deacon		
6	Peter Washburn	Elder		
7	Shahrzad Sabetnejad	Deacon		

Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

**Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)**

**Type of  
adviser**

**Name**

**Address**


**Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)**

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## Section B Structure, governance and management

### Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Trust
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Appointed by election, and re-election every 3 years by membership of the congregation.

### Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

In addition to the constitution, the church has a Basis of Faith and Handbook, which compliments the constitution.

The church officers, trustees, meet on a monthly basis to discuss matters of the organisation. Members meet for an annual general meeting, plus additional quarterly meetings.

The AGM is held each year, and was opened up to regular church attenders where a summary of all church ministries are presented, along with other practical matters. As a congregation the church seeks the mind of Christ together, and those eligible to vote plays their part in determining the direction of the Trust.

The church takes seriously its responsibilities as a public meeting and in how it runs its various activities for the general public. Relevant policies and insurances are in place to underpin its activities. These policies are reviewed regularly and include areas such as health and safety, safeguarding, child and vulnerable adults policy, risk management.

## Section C

## Objectives and activities

**Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document**

1. To advance the Christian religion for the benefit of the public, in accordance with the statements of belief in the schedule.
2. To provide relief of financial hardship among people living or working worldwide through the provision of relief, goods or finances.
3. To advance in life and help young people through; a) recreational activities in the interest of social welfare; b) providing support and activities which develop skills, capacities and capabilities.
4. To promote the provision of facilities for the inhabitants of Leeds and surrounding areas, who may have a variety of needs, in the interest of social welfare and to improve their condition of life.

**Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)**

The membership and trustees consider carefully how the church activities and aims are in the benefit of the public in its activities both for those who are in attendance at the church, but also its wider impact on the local community.

The main activities undertaken by the charity that fulfil the objectives are as follows:

The church met in person to develop a deeper understanding of the Christian faith, along with an opportunity for social and support opportunities.

Services were recorded and uploaded to the church website for members who were not able to attend in person. This is also available to non-local interest in the preaching and teaching aspects of the church.

The church continued to pastorally and spiritually care for a number of asylum seekers.

The church continued to provide prayerful and financial support to missionary individuals and who seeking to further the Christian faith, in line with the organisations beliefs. Some of those include helping children who have AIDS in South Africa, support of a local based charity helping people who are homeless or at risk of being homeless, support work to a church in Albania, and an organisation, 20 Schemes, whose objective is to plant churches in deprived areas of Scotland and the UK.

Homegroup study groups continued, offering people the opportunity to mid-week discuss topical subjects, receive individual support and benefit from fellowship time together.

The mid-week bible studies continued on zoom, allowing a wider reach of people to be involved, and encouraging discussion and time of prayer, these times also provided a pastoral benefit to those who were able to join.

Our Sunday school has run each Sunday, teaching people bible stories, what the Christian faith is about, and how to apply that to their lives was

at the heart of the ministry. It's also a great opportunity when people come together, create friendships, and can enjoy times of fun together.

The bi-weekly children support groups continued on Friday nights in the form of 3 age groups. Jam, and Youth has seen new children attend with some older ones move onto other things discussion and fellowship groups within the church. These are a great social activity with a Christian message offered at each.

A group for older young people commenced, which involved getting together for a time of food and discussion, and other social activity, which is highly beneficial for those who attend in support, and teaching.

The church ran its summer children's work, called Epic Explorers, which involved inviting children from the local community to come and enjoy fun and games, singing, craft and learn bible stories. A good number of church and non-church people attended and benefited.

The church hosted its annual bonfire night, with a great firework display, for its members and congregation, opened up for friends of those connected to the church to attend. It was a great opportunity for free refreshment, fellowship and enjoyment.

The charity continued to respond to the needs of those around who were in need of support both prayer, financial and practical throughout the year of the pandemic.

Other groups and ministries that were also started in person again were:

- Little Snappers – Creche facility on a mid week for local area parents to bring their children and enjoy a time of play and chat with other people.
- Bibles and Breakfasts – a Sunday morning Sunday school for older children to come together have breakfast and a time of fellowship and learning
- WAGS – group for ladies to get support from other ladies in the church
- Mens Breakfast – meeting at a local restaurant, this is a great opportunity for some of the gents to get together, spend time relaxing and getting support through the business of life
- Football – a time where friends and children are invited, to spend time socialising, relaxing, building friendship and getting fit.
- Local School talk – the church was able to attend a school to present the Christian message and also promote the Epic Childrens work for the Summer.
- Grounded – a new group for the older people in our community to get together and enjoy coffee and fellowship.
- Mens breakfast, a time where men of the church could come together and spend time in fellowship.
- Lamanin. A group for young adults to explore various subjects in the bible.

### Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

The charity relies on voluntary income from its attenders for all areas of its work and ministry

The church benefits from the attenders taking an active role in helping all areas of the church activities run.

People are encouraged to take an active role in the church so that the impact and help that the church can provide are enhanced to the local community.

This year it used digital means to help support the church reach its own congregation and local community..

## Section D

### Achievements and performance

**Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year**

The church has experienced a time of movement and growth from within its congregation.

The outlook approach of the church continues to be central in how it can fulfil its objectives to promote the Christian faith, and also to help support the local community.

**Details of any funds materially in deficit**

None

## Section E

### Financial review

**Brief statement of the charity’s policy on reserves**

The Charity saw consistent income, and has no concerns over reserves, or expenditure impacting the church’s ongoing running.

The church carefully considers its spending, especially as it considers either the purchasing of a building, or the employment of an assistant pastor.

The Trustees are satisfied that the accounts continue to be stable, but regularly check for any changes in the various economic climates.

**Details of any funds materially in deficit**

None

**Further financial review details (Optional information)**

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:


- the charity’s principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

<b>Section F</b>	<b>Other optional information</b>
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<b>Section G</b>	<b>Declaration</b>
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The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees’ report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity’s trustees

<b>Signature(s)</b>		
<b>Full name(s)</b>	Timothy Parkinson	
<b>Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)</b>	Trustee	
<b>Date</b>	30th November 2024	





## Receipts and payments accounts

For the period  
from

Period start date  
01/02/2023


To

Period end date  
31/01/2024

### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Contributions Direct To Bank	86,090	-	-	86,090	74,309
Contributions via cash	1,789	-	-	1,789	1,321
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>87,879</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>87,879</b>	<b>75,630</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>87,879</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>87,879</b>	<b>75,630</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Gifts Support	9,362	-	-	9,362	12,724
Bills / Reciepts	28,944	-	-	28,944	28,567
Legal and Professional	7,699	-	-	7,699	2,932
Preaching / HR / Admin	2,586	-	-	2,586	1,301
Ministry General Running Costs	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>48,591</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>48,591</b>	<b>45,524</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>48,591</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>48,591</b>	<b>45,524</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>39,288</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>39,288</b>	<b>30,106</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>139,663</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>139,663</b>	<b>109,557</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>178,951</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>178,951</b>	<b>139,663</b>

## Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Unrestricted Cash and Income at Bank	178,951	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	178,951	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees		Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
				30th Nov 2024



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/  
members of

Grace Community Church

On accounts for the year  
ended

31 January 2024

Charity no  
(if any)

1140281

Set out on pages

Responsibilities and  
basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31/01/2024**.

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent  
examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below \*) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

*\* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:

Date:

07.11.2024

Name:

Sarah Smith

Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body  
(if any):

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<b>Address:</b>	6 Barnswick View
	Cookridge, Leeds, West Yorkshire
	LS16 7DP

<b>Section B</b>	<b>Disclosure</b>
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Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

**Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.**

None
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